

**DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2001  
3:00 p.m.**

**Pursuant** to the proper notification, the Durham City Council held a special meeting on the above date and time in the Committee Room at City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Tennyson, Mayor Pro Tempore Clement and Council Members Cheek, Edwards, Hill, Langley, Larson, McKissick, Stith and Wagstaff. Absent: Council Members Blyth, Burnette and Jacobs.

Also Present: City Manager Marcia L. Conner, City Attorney Henry Blinder, City Clerk D. Ann Gray and Deputy City Clerk Linda E. Bratcher.

Mayor Tennyson called the special meeting to order outlining the purpose.

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF 2001 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT  
SPENDING PLAN AND CURRENT PROJECT ORDINANCE**

To approve a proposed spending plan and to adopt the “City of Durham, North Carolina and the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance ‘Local Law Enforcement Block Grant’ FY 2001/2002 Grant Project Ordinance.”

Lt. Colonel Steven Chalmers provided Council with information (memo and attachments) on Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG). He gave an overview on how the funds will be divided between the City and County and presented Council with the Police Department’s Recommended Spending Plan noting that bio-terrorism readiness has become the number one priority for LLEBG funds since the September 11 attacks.

Council Member Larson asked the administration if gas masks and filters have to be replaced and their shelf life.

Lt. Colonel Chalmers noted masks would not have to be replaced, but certainly the filters would. Also, he commented that he wasn’t sure about the shelf life.

Council Member Larson expressed concern about the date beyond which they are no longer served by its use and requested the administration to provide information on the replacement/shelf life of filters and biohazard suits.

City Manager Conner noted that at the last Council Meeting, Council was presented with a proposal from citizens asking them not to approve the recommendation the Citizen’s Advisory Committee has brought forth but requested that funding be used from the LLEBG to put an officer on Fayetteville Street [See Comparison of Spending Plan Recommendations for the 2001 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant].

Also, the Manager noted in order to keep from altering the financial spending plan, she urged Council to convert the \$50,000 in overtime to an officer. Clearly, it’s short but we would make up that difference for that officer during the budget process. The Fayetteville Street area would get the three officers they are requesting today, but there would be a difference in timing of about

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four to five months when an officer would actually be on the street. This would free up discussions on the LLEBG and from an administration prospective, the funding was traditionally used to fund equipment.

Mayor Tennyson noted for clarification that the City Manager is recommending to use the Police Department's Recommended Spending Plan and to make a commitment to allocate sufficient funds to be the equivalent of the Citizen's Advisory Committee's Recommendation for the officer and the equipment for Fayetteville Street by continuing the \$50,000 in the current year's budget and her recommendation that Council commit to adding sufficient funds to make up the difference with the July 1 budget.

At this time during the meeting, comments were heard from citizens.

Larry Hester, of 3526 Abercromby Drive and Chairman of Southeast Durham Business District, spoke in support of more police officers for the Southeast Durham Business District.

Denise Hester, of 3526 Abercromby Drive and representing the Southeast Durham Business District, provided Council with a handout regarding Mr. Barnes who was shot on Fayetteville Street. Also, she requested additional public safety measures to protect the citizens of the area.

Mike Shiflett, representing PAC District 2, read a letter voicing their opposition in using the 2001 LLEBG funds to support an additional officer on Fayetteville Street beat. He noted the Fayetteville Street area deserves a more secure and long term response to their request and the police presence should be addressed City-wide.

Steve Hopkins, representing PAC District 1, spoke in opposition to using funds from the LLEBG to fund a police officer for Fayetteville Street. However, he supported the need for police officers in the area.

Council held discussion on the availability and cost of bioterrorism equipment--suit and gas masks.

Mayor Pro Tempore Clement asked the City Manager to explore setting in motion the appropriate mechanism where citizens can have access to gas masks.

Relative to option 2 [Officer and Eq. for Fayetteville Street - \$89,058.00] on the comparison of spending plan recommendations, Council Member McKissick asked the Manager if she would be taking an equivalent amount and reserving it in Council's budget for the same purpose--that is ending up with three officers.

City Manager Conner explained that \$89,058.00 would include an officer, equipment and vehicle. Council has available \$50,000 and would need to come up with \$40,000 as part of the budget process. Also, she noted this item would come back during the proposed budget for FY 2002-03.

Mayor Tennyson noted that the Manager's commitment is to include it in next year's budget.

Council Member McKissick asked the Manager for clarification on the \$50,000 reserved for this year for overtime.

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City Manager Conner noted it's a one-time use of funds that normally would be taken out of the police department's based budget starting next year. Instead of taking that out, I am recommending that Council convert the \$50,000, plus an additional 40,000 for an officer for Fayetteville Street.

Also, City Manager Conner stated that \$50,000 was approved in the budget for one officer. Because that officer comes in at the end of the fiscal year, the administration reallocated an officer in the current year so they feel the impact of that officer between now and June. That gave you overtime, an officer assigned and a new officer at the end of June so that's the equivalent of three.

Council Member McKissick asked the Manager if the \$50,000 would still be available for overtime between now and June 30.

City Manager Conner replied yes.

A motion was made by Council Member McKissick seconded by Council Member Larson to adopt the Police Department's Recommended Spending Plan stipulating that the \$50,000 in this year's budget would be spent as it originally anticipated for overtime in the Fayetteville Street area, but in the coming year's budget, the City Manager would earmark \$50,000 plus additional resources that are necessary to fully provide for a full-time officer bringing it to three serving the Fayetteville Street community.

Council Member Wagstaff made comments relative to the gang equipment and expressed a concern about funding a position for the gang unit initiative out of the LLEBG funds.

Council held discussion on the crime screen van, mobile unit, Partners Against Crime, boundaries of the Southeast Business District, mobile radios, gang initiative and crime data sharing initiative.

**[EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS]**

**MOTION** by Council Member Stith seconded by Council Member McKissick to excuse Council Member Edwards from the Special Council Meeting was approved at 4:00 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Tennyson, Mayor Pro Tempore Clement and Council Members Cheek, Edwards, Hill, Langley, Larson, McKissick, Stith and Wagstaff. Noes: None. Absent: Council Members Blyth, Burnette and Jacobs.

Mayor Tennyson noted for clarification that the motion is to adopt the Police Department's Recommended Spending Plan and including a commitment from the City Manager to include in next year's budget the \$50,000 that was allocated on a one-time basis this year for overtime plus sufficient funds to make up difference to be the equivalent of \$89,058.00.

Relative to identifying potential gang members, Council Member Langley noted her goal is have former gang members whom she is currently working with to become employed or contracted out to help the City with this situation.

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**MOTION** by Council Member McKissick seconded by Council Member Larson to approve the proposed spending plan as recommended by the Police Department including a commitment from the City Manager to include in next year's budget the \$50,000 that was allocated on a one-time basis this year for overtime plus sufficient funds to make up the difference to be the equivalent of \$89,058.00; and

To adopt the "City of Durham, North Carolina and the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance 'Local Law Enforcement Block Grant' FY 2001/2002 Grant Project Ordinance" was approved at 4:10 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Tennyson, Mayor Pro Tempore Clement and Council Members Cheek, Hill, Langley, Larson, McKissick and Stith. Noes: Council Member Wagstaff. Absent: Council Members Blyth, Burnette and Jacobs. Excused Absence: Council Member Edwards.

**Ordinance #12430**

**Police Department's Recommended Spending Plan**

	<b>Amount</b>
Crime Scene Van	\$ 86,146.00
DA's Gang Prosecution Initiative	65,000.00
PAC Crime Prevention Efforts	40,000.00
Emergency Eq. For Vehicles	36,700.00
Eq. For Gang Resistance Unit	19,406.00
Portable Radios For Reserves	30,000.00
Gas Masks	42,344.00
Complete Biohazard Suits	56,000.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$375,596.00</b>

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Linda E. Bratcher  
Deputy City Clerk

D. Ann Gray, CMC  
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